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SUBJECT: IRAN-USSR ECONOMIC RELATIONS

REF: A) TEHRAN 1894; B) TEHRAN 2018

1. SOURCE AT IRANIAN EMBASSY (SECOND SECRETARY KHASHAIAR) TOLD EMBOFF ON MARCH 10 THAT HE NOT AWARE THAT IRANIANS PLANNING MEET SOVIETS AND WEST GERMANS THIS MONTH IN MOSCOW WITH REGARD NATURAL GAS AGREEMENT. KHASHAIAR SAID HE BELIEVES SOVIETS WILL NOT BE READY MEET FOR TWO-THREE MONTHS AT LEAST.

2. ON RECENT IRAN/SOVIET AGREEMENT DURING ANSARY VISIT TO MOSCOW, KHASHAIAR CLAIMED ONLY GENERAL OUTLINE OF PAPER MILL PROJECT DISCUSSED. AMOUNT AND TERMS OF CREDIT FOR PROJECT TO BE DISCUSSED LATER. SOVIETS WILL PROVIDE INSTRUCTORS AS WELL AS EQUIPMENT FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTERS. EXPANSION OF ARAK MACHINE BUILDING PLANT NOT DISCUSSED, NOR WAS QUESTION OF COOPERATION ON THIRD-COUNTRY PROJECTS. ON CONSTRUCTION OF GRAIN SILOS, SOVIETS REPORTEDLY RECOMMENDED CAPACITY TWO OR THREE TIMES GREATER THAN IRANIAN

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PROPOSAL OF 300 MILLION TONS. OTHER INFORMATION REPORTED

IN REFTELS A AND B.

3. COMMENT: KHASHAIAR RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC MATTERS, AS WELL AS PRESS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, AS ONE OF FIVE NON-MILITARY EMBASSY OFFICERS. ALTHOUGH QUITE FORTHCOMING HE ADMITTED THAT HE BOT PRIVY TO MUCH OF EXCHANGE WITH SOVIETS DURING ANSARY VISIT. SOVIET PUSH FOR EXPANSION IRANIAN CONSTRUCTION EFFORT FOR GRAIN SILOS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING IN VIEW PRESENT PROBLEMS SOVIETS THEMSELVES EXPERIENCING IN MEETING STORAGE NEEDS.
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